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UNION PREPARES TO COP CROWN 3rd TIME

RICHMOND. — The fighting Panthers, of Virginia Union university, here, who have clawed their way to two straight CIAA cage championships, seem logical contenders to repeat for the third time this year. Twenty-five men more than the number who reported for football practice, have been culled to a squad of fifteen talented ball hawks.

Strengthened by four all state six footers, Coach Hucles' outfit looms as a stronger combine than last years' and the year before. Valuable newcomers who have paved the way for the prediction are: Clyde Davis, of Washington Pa., Garrett Blair, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Howard Irwin, of Buffalo, N. Y., Harry Waters, of Wildwood, N. J., and Dick Culberson of Iowa City, Iowa. Others are expected to come through.

Wiley "Soup" Campbell who local fans thought would be unable to play because of his work, seems headed for a sensational season. Coupled with Captain Mel Glover, it will seem like ole times when the Panthers take the court for the big games such as Brooklyn college, New York, December 27.

J. B. LITTLE VISITS TIMES PLANT

John B. Little of the Howard Flint Ink company visited THE McDOWELL TIMES plant last week. Mr. Little is a frequent visitor of plants in this section. Mr. Little has been with the Howard Flint people for several years and has rendered invaluable services to the TIMES.

STATE COLLEGE PLAYS HOST TO EDUCATORS

INSTITUTE. — Dr. Ambrose Caliver, Senior specialist in the Education of Negroes, U.S. Bureau of Education, with Dr. Lloyd E. Blanch and Dr. Martin D. Jenkins were visitors at West Virginia State college, December 2, 3 and 4 in the interest of the federal survey of the educational problems of institutions for the higher education of Negroes.

These gentlemen were entertained at the home of President and Mrs. John W. Davis on Monday, December 2, by the West Virginia State College Women's club.

STATE MAY CLOSE 1940 WITH GOOD SAFETY MARK

CHARLESTON, Dec. 13 — Despite a tremendous gain in gasoline consumption and increased industrial activity on

every front West Virginia officials still hold fond hopes of closing the books for 1940 with a good highway safety record. Toward this end today troopers were bending their efforts as the death toll for the first 12 months reached 354, only 12 short of the 365 fatalities of 1939.

The first week of December added five more fatalities to this total, indicating the entire month may raise the toll over that of last year.

An unusual increase of eight fatalities in Mercer county and eight in Kanawha last month proved discouraging to troopers. Mercer's toll is now 20, five higher than in 1939, while Kanawha has 35, four less than a year ago. Fayette had four deaths in November, Raleigh and Cabell 3 each, while Logan, Mingo and Boone counties each had two.

Counties reporting one road fatality each were Ohio, Wood, Braxton, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Wyoming, Upshur, Monroe and Hampshire.

GARY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore are the proud parents of a son born last week. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Wilma Tucker.

Dr. W. G. Warren and Mrs. Washington of Williamson visited the I. W. Whites last week. Mrs. Washington is Mrs. White's mother.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry of Highland avenue have as their guest Mrs. Moorman of Virginia.

The Women's chorus of Mt. Zion Baptist church of Bluefield sang at Rockhill last Sunday.

Mr. Walter Leftwich and Mr. Herbert Washington of the TIMES staff were visiting in Gary, Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Belle Thompson of Hungarian Hill was visiting friends in Alpheus, Sunday.

The Sunday School of Conley chapel gave a homecoming dinner Sunday. Mrs. Pearl Ingram assisted by Mrs. Georgia Vernon served the large group in attendance.

Miss Christine McDowell sponsored a barbecue supper on Highland avenue, Friday night for the Conley Chapel.

An entertainment was held at the home of Mrs. Annie Belle Callahan is Wilcoe Friday, by the Young People's club of Conley Chapel.

A tea was given Wednesday by the Grade School Teachers for the parents and friends of the school. Interesting discussions on problems arising in the school were heard.

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DUNBAR SCHOOL NEWS —WELCH—

The McDowell County Elementary Teachers Association will meet in Dunbar school Monday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 P. M.

The Winter Carnival sponsored by the P. T. A. will be held Dec. 16, in the auditorium. Many novel attractions will feature the program.

Most of the funds necessary to equip the playground of Dunbar school have already been raised by the P. T. A.

NEWS NOTES

—ELKHORN-CROZER—

There will be service at 11:00 o'clock on Christmas Day at the Crozer Temple. All auxiliaries will make their final reports. A special effort is on to pay off back indebtedness of the church.

The Flat Top Choral Society will have the last practice of the year at Crozer Temple on December 15 at 2:30. All members are requested to be present.

The Ennis Liberty Baptist church Sunday School will give their Christmas play on the 24th. The public is invited.

Mrs. Dolly Spencer wife of Will Spencer, remains ill at her home at Ennis, W. Va.

Mrs. Ethel Franklin is able to be out after undergoing an operation at a local hospital.

Mr. Harry Mobley is slowly improving. Mr. Mobley has been on the sick list for some time.

Mrs. Nina V. Johnson was visiting in Crozer Sunday.

Miss Willa S. Miller was

visiting her parents Sunday

Mr. Billy Miller underwent a slight operation on his eye last week. Mr. Miller is a student at Bluefield State Teachers college.

Mr. Henry Thomas Adams was ill at home over the week-end with a severe cold.

Mr. Fitzhugh Clemmons has been ill with a throat ailment for several days.

The Crozer Temple Sunday School elected officers for 1941 on last Sunday. They are as follows: Mr. Sampson Adams, Superintendent to succeed himself, for the 17th year; Mr. Sylvester Tucker, assistant superintendent, Miss Loretta Webber, secretary, for the 2nd year; Miss Elizabeth Brammer asst. secretary, and Mrs. Borden Williams treasurer, for the 20th year.

KEYSTONE NEWS

U. H. Carter of the Mine Extension Service of West Virginia State college was in the field this week.

Miss Augustine Terry was the dinner guest of Mrs. Whittico Monday evening.

MaSolLits Meet

The MaSolLits held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. Garrison, Gary. An excellent business session was held and a very interesting program was sponsored.

Mrs. Nokomis Shelton discussed at some length the Negro and Defense. The hostess was very generous in her delicious dinner. Each guest received a souvenir.

Mrs. Fannie Spencer, member of Keystone-Eckman faculty was the guest of the evening.

DRIVING TIPS FOR AUTOITS

Brakes should be checked periodically the year around, but it is particularly important that they be kept equalized during the winter. This is essential if proper directional control of the vehicle is to be maintained on slippery surfaces when brakes are applied.

Windshield wipers should be checked for condition of the motor and cleaning effectiveness of the blades, be sure they will be able to sustain the added loads during snow and sleet storms. Double wipers are recommended for wide vision. It is desirable for vacuum-operated wipers to have vacuum boosters so that they will maintain constant speed for all throttle openings.

Exhaust manifolds, gaskets, pipes and mufflers should be checked for leaks, cracks and other defects. The floor boards and fire wall between motor and cab of trucks should be checked to see that insulation of the cab is adequate. Openings around pedals, steering posts, heaters and other equipment should be made tight. There is little danger of carbon monoxide poisoning while driving, regardless of the weather, road conditions or window adjustments, if the exhaust system is free of leaks and the tail pipe extends to the extreme rear of your car.

The electrical system of your automobile or truck should be checked frequently for good condition. Proper insulation of the wires and connections is more important in the winter, since there is more moisture from snow and ice and other sources, to cause short circuits. The generator should be set for the winter charging rate. The battery should be in condition to

sustain the extra load imposed by winter conditions—starting of cold motors, and increased use of lights and electrical accessories. The water level of the battery should be checked more frequently because of faster evaporation of the water due to added loads on the battery.

Your automobile headlights should be kept in proper focus and aim since, in snowstorms and fog, light from headlight beams aimed too high is reflected back and blinds the driver. On old style lights reflectors and lenses should be cleaned and the gaskets kept in good condition because of the greater moisture from snow and rain that can seep in. Auxiliary driving lights and fog lights should receive the same attention.

Tires with good treads are desirable in West Virginia where wet pavement conditions are more prevalent in winter than in other seasons because tires with good treads give better traction than smooth tires on slippery wet pavement.

Because of the hazards of snow and icy pavements auto drivers must be prepared with adequate means of self-help for improving traction. Tire chains should be carried in passenger cars as well as other vehicles because their use is, at times, as essential as that of windshield wipers, and other equipment. Trucks with trailers and semi-trailer units should carry chains for wheels of trailers as well as of tractor units. Unit emergency chains, while adequate for getting out of snowdrifts and for getting under way on slippery roads, are of no value for stopping. Complete chains are therefore preferable from the standpoint of safety.

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